



LOUISIANA SENATE

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LONG-TIME STATE LEGISLATOR & FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT SAMMY NUNEZ, JR. DIES

REMEMBERED FOR TIRELESS, DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS CONSTITUENTS & THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

Long-time former Senate President Sammy Nunez, Jr. passed away Sunday January 15, 2012 from complications associated with pneumonia. The 81-year old Plaquemines Parish resident served as President of the Louisiana Senate from 1982-1988 and again from 1990-1996. He also served as Senate President Pro-Tempore from 1980-1982 and from 1988-1990.

Nunez began his service in the Louisiana State Legislature in 1964 when he was first elected to the House of Representatives representing St. Bernard Parish. He moved from the House to the Senate in 1969 representing Senate District 1 where he served until 1996.

During his more than three decades of public service in the legislature, he served as President of the National Conference of State Legislatures and was known as a true statesman and peacemaker who crossed party lines to get things done for the people of Louisiana. After leaving the Senate, he also served as President of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans.

“Sammy was instrumental in reforming the state budget process with the establishment of the Revenue Estimating Conference in the State Constitution and is credited with modernizing and streamlining the operations of the State Senate,” said Senate President John Alario, who worked closely with him when he was Senate President and Sen. Alario was House Speaker. “More importantly, he was a tireless, dedicated public servant who loved Louisiana and wanted nothing more than to see Louisiana and its people succeed. I am proud to have called him ‘friend’.”

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